

Systematic Adjustments of Hydrographic Sections for Internal Consistency*

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ABSTRACT

A significant legacy of the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) is the large number of high-quality, high-resolution, full-depth, transoceanic hydrographic sections occupied starting in the mid-1980's. The data from these sections provide historically unprecedented sampling of World Ocean water properties. Data used here include pressure, temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and nutrients (nitrate, phosphate, and silicic acid). While the WOCE Hydrographic Programme (WHP) made unprecedented efforts to employ standardized measurement techniques on all sections, small but significant systematic differences among sections are found. A simple method for adjusting these measurements to maximize internal consistency is presented and applied to all available data in the Pacific Basin. First, all the sections are broken into distinct cruise legs, each consisting of the stations between port stops. Then, crossovers are identified where two different cruise legs cross or approach each other. Using hydrographic data from each cruise leg near each crossover, linear fits are made of properties on potential temperature surfaces against distance along cruise-track. These fits are then used to evaluate property ratios or differences and their standard deviations at crossovers. A set of least-squares models are used to generate a set of adjustments, with related uncertainties, for all the properties of each cruise leg. These adjustments minimize differences among cruise legs at the crossovers in a least-squares sense. The adjustments can be weighted by difference uncertainties, and damped by a priori estimates of the expected differences. The adjustments generally bring data from different cruise legs to agreement within WHP target accuracies.

1. Introduction

In the Pacific Ocean, scientists involved in the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) one-time hydrographic program (WHP) occupied a large number of high-quality, high-resolution, full-depth, transoceanic hydrographic sections from 1985 through 1996 (Figure 1). We set out to use all of these sections in an inverse model incorporating the basic hydrographic properties (temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, nitrate, phosphate, and silicic acid). The inclusion of both zonal and meridional sections in the model resulted in at least one novel feature. We were dividing the Pacific Ocean into a large number of small boxes, some of which had no coastal boundaries at all. Property anomalies on dense neutral surfaces (Jackett and McDougall, 1997) around the edges of these boxes sometimes showed large jumps at box corners where sections crossed. These jumps suggested that on the relatively small scales of individual boxes, cruise-to-cruise measurement biases might be overwhelming the property gradients in the deep water. This situation was intolerable, so we decided to adjust the measurements for internal consistency, as detailed below.

There have been many attempts to adjust water properties when combining data from different sources. A review of the various adjustment methods is found in a paper describing a South Pacific hydrographic climatology produced by combining WOCE and high-quality historical hydrographic data (Gouretski and Janke 1999). Adjustment schemes range from “allowances were made in contouring” (Wyrtki 1971) to more recent work using least-squares techniques (Gouretski and Janke 1999, Gouretski 1999). The work described here takes this least-squares approach the next logical steps by incorporating uncertainties for each cross-over difference as well as initial estimates of probable magnitudes of cruise-to-cruise bias. The

robust estimates for the uncertainties of the adjusted fields available from the technique are also presented.

Here we estimate differences of basic hydrographic properties (nitrate, phosphate, silicic acid, dissolved oxygen, and salinity) among the WOCE cruise legs in the Pacific Ocean. We apply a series of least-squares models to obtain adjustments to these properties for each cruise leg so as to minimize these differences in a least-squares sense. These models can incorporate weighting by the uncertainties of differences at crossovers. In addition, the models can be damped by a priori expectations of the size of the differences. The models return uncertainties associated with these cruise adjustments. Data reduction is documented in the next section, then the models are outlined, then the results are presented. The paper ends with a short conclusion section.

2. Data Reduction

Each cruise was separated into cruise legs, which were defined as occurring on a single ship between port stops. There were 47 cruise legs in the Pacific Ocean for which data were available and a crossover was present. These legs are designated hereafter by the index n . It was assumed that there was negligible variability in both measurement accuracy and precision during each cruise leg, but that there might be significant differences in either accuracy or precision among cruise legs. In other words, the models assumed that a single adjustment and associated uncertainty for each property on each cruise leg was appropriate.

The next step was to identify where cruise legs crossed or approached one another within 200 km. Every such pair of adjacent cruise legs was designated a crossover. The

stations within 350 km of each crossover were examined. A few stations with obvious outlying data were rejected. A few more stations were rejected as not representative of deep hydrographic conditions (for instance when they were in a different deep basin from the crossover). After this process any crossover with less than 3 stations from either cruise within 350 km was eliminated. The remaining 111 crossovers (Figure 1) had between 3 and 38 stations (a mean of 10) for each cruise leg. Crossovers are represented by the index o .

Water properties at these stations were interpolated to potential temperature, θ , surfaces by a local shape-preserving spline (Akima 1970). A rather large set of 98 θ surfaces, designated by the index p , were chosen to span the full oceanographic temperature range and to ensure that there were surfaces between every water sample. The analysis was carried out on potential temperature, θ , surfaces, rather than potential or neutral density surfaces for three reasons. First, θ is the natural coordinate for evaluating salinity, S , differences since they are the two components in the equation of state. Second, this choice keeps the evaluations of all fields independent of errors in S , which would result in density errors. Finally, θ is the most accurately measured hydrographic quantity in terms of signal-to-noise ratios. The assumption was made that the pressures and temperatures were so accurate that they could be assumed to be correct for our purposes. Finally, while water more closely follows potential density than θ , over the relatively small groups of stations within 350 km of the crossovers the deep θ - S relation is relatively constant, meaning that there is little practical difference between using θ and potential density at depth.

Following the interpolation, each property for the nearby stations from each cruise leg n at each crossover o was subject to a linear fit versus distance along the cruise-track from the crossover location on each θ surface p . These fits, $P(n,o,p)$, and their standard deviations,

$\sigma(n,o,p)$, were then evaluated at the crossover locations. Crossover locations and distances along cruise-tracks were fixed so that the fits were evaluated in the middle of their station groups whenever possible. The result was a set of concentrations and associated uncertainties for each cruise leg pair at the 111 crossovers on as many as 98 theta surfaces for the 5 different hydrographic properties.

At this point, the analysis diverged for salinity versus all the other properties. A decision was made to correct salinity by means of additive offsets for each cruise leg. This decision was made because it seemed most likely that systematic salinity errors, including batch differences among standard sea water, would appear mostly as offsets. At each crossover o and θ surface p , the salinity differences, $d(o,p) = P(n_1,o,p) - P(n_2,o,p)$, and their standard deviations, $\sigma(o,p) = [\sigma(n_1,o,p)^2 + \sigma(n_2,o,p)^2]^{0.5}$, were calculated, where the subscripts refer to the two cruise legs at the crossover. This last equation reflects the assumption made that standard deviations of the salinity fits for each cruise at a crossover were uncorrelated when calculating the standard deviations for their differences.

The other properties, oxygen and nutrients, were corrected by multiplicative scale factors applied to each cruise leg. The reasoning for this decision was several-fold. First, multiplicative factors help avoid the potential problem of negative values in the low-nutrient surface layers and anoxic regions after adjustments were applied. Second, dominance of multiplicative correction is at least plausible, presuming that standardization errors are the main problem in accuracy, although this assumption may not always hold (Ross et al. 1999). Finally, in deep regions of tight property- θ relations where oxygen and nutrient concentrations are often relatively high and uniform, additive and multiplicative adjustments are nearly indistinguishable. Proceeding for the other properties at each crossover o and θ surface p ,

differences were calculated as deviations of ratios from unity, $f(o,p) = P(n_p,o,p)/P(n_2,o,p) - 1$, and their standard deviations as $\sigma(o,p) = \{[\sigma(n_p,o,p)/P(n_p,o,p)]^2 + [\sigma(n_2,o,p)/P(n_2,o,p)]^2\}^{0.5}$.

The latter equation states that the standard deviations were normalized by property concentrations. These simple transformations allowed application of the same least-squares method used to adjust salinity for internal consistency to all of the other properties.

For each crossover o the salinity differences and associated standard deviations on all p θ surfaces were used to estimate a single weighted difference $d(o)$ as follows:

$$d(o) = \frac{\sum_{p=1}^{98} d(o,p)/(\sigma(o,p))^2}{\sum_{p=1}^{98} 1/(\sigma(o,p))^2}. \quad (1)$$

The use of the inverse of the standard deviations squared is standard practice in weighted least squares estimations (Beers 1957). Similarly a weighted standard deviation $\sigma(o)$ was calculated substituting $\sigma(o,p)$ for $d(o,p)$ and $\sigma(o)$ for $d(o)$ in (1). For all the other properties, the deviations of ratios from unity, $f(o,p)$, and their standard deviations, $\sigma(o,p)$, on all p θ surfaces were similarly used to estimate a single weighted deviation of ratio from unity, $f(o)$, and associated standard deviation, $\sigma(o)$, at each crossover, using equations analogous to (1). (From here on crossover “differences” will refer to arithmetic biases for salinity and deviations of ratios from unity for the other water properties.) The weights allowed the θ surfaces with larger signal-to-noise ratio to dominate the differences. This dominance generally meant that while differences and associated errors were estimated using information over the entire water column, the deeper parts of the water column where the signal-to-noise ratio was highest were most influential in determining the crossover differences and

associated uncertainties.

Plots (Fig. 2) of property ratios and salinity differences for the crossover between P21W and P15S (located at 17.55°S, 170°W) are illustrative. The temperature range shown (0.5 - 5°C) encompasses the northward spreading Circumpolar Deep Water (CDW) with its influences of Antarctic Bottom Water (AABW) and North Atlantic Deep Water (NADW), as well as the southward spreading Pacific Deep Water (PDW). By 5°C the predominant influence is of Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW). Above this temperature the uncertainties (dominated by oceanographic variability) became so large that the differences there made no real contributions to the weighted crossover mean differences and their associated uncertainties. Above 2.5°C the differences (low nutrients, high oxygens, and low salinities) all suggested a stronger AAIW signature in P21W compared to P15S. The uncertainties were also growing with increasing temperature, a sign that horizontal property variations were increasing. However, all the properties had relatively constant differences and small uncertainties from the bottom up to about 2.5°C. That these differences were relatively constant across the contrasting property signatures of AABW, NADW, and PDW suggests that the method is reliably estimating the cruise-to-cruise differences at crossovers. For nitrate the ratio of -0.992 was further away from unity than its uncertainty, so the P21W nitrates were slightly and significantly lower than the P15S nitrates. For phosphate the ratio was very near unity and indistinguishable from it. For silicic acid the ratio was again near unity and again indistinguishable from it. For oxygen the mean ratio of 1.038 was larger than the uncertainty so P21 oxygens were significantly higher than those from P15S. Salinity differences were not distinguishable from zero. (Salinities are unitless and customarily reported on the 1978 Practical Salinity Scale, PSS-78. Here the differences are reported at

1000 times PSS-78, that is roughly in parts-per-million, or ppm.) Interestingly, the silicic acid and salinity uncertainties both had a local maximum near 1.2°C. The crossover location has a strong contrast of NADW and PDW influences, hence high natural variability, at this level, owing to the nearby deep western boundary current flowing northward along the Tonga Ridge.

3. Least-squares adjustments

The next step was to use these crossover differences and associated uncertainties for each property to determine property adjustments for each cruise leg that would maximize consistency among cruise legs at crossovers. These adjustments were determined by a hierarchy of least-squares models (Menke 1984, Wunsch 1996). The models were formulated to determine the adjustments for that property to apply to each cruise leg that would minimize the crossover differences in a least-squares sense.

The model matrix, G , was $o = 111$ by $n = 47$, with the 111 rows being crossovers and the 47 columns cruise legs. Since there were more constraints (111) than unknowns (47), the problem was generally overdetermined. In each row there were zeroes except for a single +1 located in column of the first cruise leg at that crossover and a single -1 in the column of the second cruise leg at that crossover. The data vectors, $d(o)$ or $f(o)$, were columns o elements long which consisted of the property crossover differences. The model solution vectors, m , were n elements long, and represented the cruise leg additive corrections (for salinity after a sign change) or multiplicative corrections (for the other properties after subtraction from unity). That is to say, for salinity corrections would be applied as $P_{corr}(n) = P_{orig}(n) + [-m(n)]$

and for the other properties as $P_{corr}(n) = P_{orig}(n) * [1 - m(n)]$. Here the subscript *orig* denotes the original property values for a given cruise leg n , the subscript *corr* denotes the corrected values for that cruise leg, $m(n)$ the appropriate term of the solution vector, and the terms in square brackets are the additive or multiplicative corrections reported in the next section.

The system and its solution is given by

$$\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{G}^T (\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T)^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{d}. \quad (2)$$

This model has already been used for cruise adjustments (Gouretski and Janke 1999). A model of this form estimates cruise leg adjustments regardless of how well the crossover differences were determined or any a priori expectations of what these adjustments should be. This model will be referred to a simple least squares (SLSQ).

One aspect of the SLSQ model not used in previous work on cruise adjustments is the availability of a model solution covariance matrix

$$cov \mathbf{m} = \sigma_d^2 (\mathbf{G}^T \cdot \mathbf{G})^{-1}. \quad (3)$$

Here σ_d^2 is the variance of the crossover difference residual. The model solution covariance matrix reflects how many crossovers influence the adjustment for a cruise leg, and is scaled by the residual variance. The square root of the diagonal elements of the model solution covariance matrix give the model solution uncertainties. We calculated these solutions and their associated uncertainties for purposes of comparison with the other more sophisticated models outlined below.

The next model incorporates information on for how well individual crossover differences were determined and weights the solution by these factors. This model will be

referred to as weighted least squares (WLSQ). For this model the appropriate standard deviations $\sigma(o)$ for each crossover difference are used for the weighing, or data covariance matrix, W . This W matrix is a diagonal o by o matrix with the inverse of each crossover standard deviation, $\sigma(o)$, in the appropriate location: $W_{ii} = \sigma_i^{-2}$. The solution for this problem is

$$\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{G}^T \cdot \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{G})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T \cdot \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{d}, \quad (4)$$

and the model solution covariance matrix is

$$\text{cov } \mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{G}^T \cdot \mathbf{W}^2 \cdot \mathbf{G})^{-1}. \quad (5)$$

Again the square root of the diagonals of the model solution covariance matrix gives the solution uncertainty. This time the adjustment uncertainties for a given cruise are influenced by crossover locations and how well the differences are determined at each crossover.

Crossover differences with smaller uncertainty (owing to more data or less local oceanographic variability) are allowed greater weight in influencing the adjustment estimate. With the crossover difference uncertainties incorporated into the model, the overall crossover residual variance is no longer needed to scale the model covariance matrix.

The final model is a weighted damped least squares model (WDLSQ). The model uses the same data covariance matrix, W , as WLSQ. However, it also incorporates a model covariance matrix, E . The model covariance matrix is a square n by n matrix which incorporates a prior information regarding the expected magnitude of adjustments among cruises. This a priori knowledge reflects the expected reproducibility of measurement accuracy for different analysts using different laboratory equipment. We applied the square of a priori expected root mean square accuracy for the given property measurement to the diagonal elements of this matrix. We could have assigned a different model error for each

cruise leg and each property, however, such an assignment would have been quite subjective, and perhaps impolitic, so we declined to do so. The WHP one-time survey standards were 1% for nitrate, 1-2% for phosphate, 1-3% for silicic acid, 0.5% for oxygen, and 2 ppm (or 0.002 PSS-78) for salinity (WHPO 1994). A few experts were asked as to their a priori guesses at WOCE accuracies and gave similar answers. (personal communication Arnold Mantyla, 1999; Bruce Warren, 1999). The values used here (squared prior to insertion along the diagonal) were 2% for everything but salinity and 4 ppm for salinity. These generally pessimistic model error estimates reflect the fact that the WOCE Pacific one-time survey data originated from several different observational groups employing a variety of measurement techniques and instrumentation with a range of expertise.

With the matrices for the model, G , the data covariance, W , and the model covariance, E , established, and the data vector, d (or f), established, the solution m to the WDLSQ model is given by:

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T \cdot (\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T + \mathbf{W})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{d}. \quad (6)$$

A comparison of (6), (4), and (2) shows that the solutions to these various model incorporate first only the model matrix, then the data covariance, and finally the model covariance. In addition to a solution vector, a solution covariance matrix can be determined from:

$$\mathbf{cov} \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T \cdot (\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T + \mathbf{W})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{E}. \quad (7)$$

The WDLSQ model incorporates the most information into the solution and solution covariance, and is thus arguably the best model (provided the a priori estimate of the model covariance matrix is close to reality).

4. Results

Differences at crossover locations can only be robust measures of actual cruise-to-cruise biases if they exceed the uncertainty of the estimate. The uncertainties of differences determined at each of the crossovers were generally quite low. The median values for the uncertainties were about 0.9%, 1.2%, 1.2%, 1.2%, and 1.1 ppm for nitrate, phosphate, silicic acid, oxygen, and salinity, respectively. Mean values for the uncertainties were about 1.3 times the median values, which reflected the presence of higher uncertainties at a few crossovers for each water property. The uncertainty was a combination of measurement precision and sampling error. Some of the high uncertainties were mostly owing to lack of data in the stable low-gradient deep waters. Other instances of high uncertainties were mostly owing to lack of precision in measurements from station to station within a cruise. Median uncertainties were near the WHP one-time survey standards. This suggested that deviations from these standards could be detected using the crossover data. It turns out that they could also be for the most part, corrected with the same information.

Many of the initial differences at crossover locations were also within WHP one-time survey standards (Fig. 3, top row). This fact is reflected by the large number of ratios within 1% of unity for everything but salinity, and differences within 2 ppm of the origin for salinity. Except for salinity, the majority of the computed differences for the properties were indistinguishable from zero within their uncertainties. However, there were also crossovers showing substantial disagreement. The initial crossover residuals have standard deviations ranging from 2.80% for nitrate to 1.56% for phosphate (Table 1). The salinity differences have an initial standard deviation of 2.77 ppm. When normalized by their uncertainties,

initial residual variances ranged from 1.37 for phosphate to 4.96 for salinity.

Application of any of the models greatly increased agreement. The SLSQ model produced the smallest residual standard deviations (Table 1), getting the residuals closest to zero (Fig. 3, 2nd row from top). In contrast, the WLSQ model produced the smallest normalized residual standard deviations (Table 1), getting the residuals closest to zero with respect to their error bars (Fig. 3, 3rd row from top). The WDLSQ model had the largest residual standard deviations, but normalized residual standard deviations usually between the SLSQ and WLSQ models (Table 1). The damping in this model forced smaller adjustments for most of the cruises, leaving most residuals closer to their initial values than the other two models (Fig. 3, bottom row). These different results are all consistent with what one would expect given the model formulations.

While all the models work well to reduce the standard deviations at crossovers (Table 1), it is arguable which model is the most appropriate. The SLSQ model is clearly the least appropriate, since it incorporates none of the uncertainty in crossover differences. It is not discussed further. The choice of either the WLSQ and WDLSQ estimates as the appropriate adjustment is not clear. On the one hand, the WLSQ analysis achieves the greatest consistency between all the individual cruise legs in a manner which respects the accuracy each crossover determination. It achieves this, however, at the cost of adjusting some properties from few cruises (e.g. P1W, P11A, P11S) by amounts which exceed the stated accuracy of the WOCE measurement program. If one is willing to accept that the true accuracy of these cruises is outside the goals of the WOCE project, the WLSQ estimates are preferable. On the other hand, all the adjustments are based on only a sampling of station data in the vicinity of the crossovers and one might expect, for a large number of crossover

realizations, there will be a few apparently large differences which arise solely from random errors. In this instance, one might prefer a compromise adjustment (the WDLSQ) which balances the apparent need for a large correction with the a-priori assumption that no adjustment should exceed a certain bound (2% or 4 ppm for salinity in our analysis). The preferred adjustment under these assumptions is the damped least squares which limits the magnitude of adjustments to a priori estimates of the absolute accuracy of the laboratory equipment but does so at the cost of allowing for larger crossover residuals to remain in the final adjusted data set. The crossover adjustments for the WLSQ and WDLSQ models are compared next.

The cruise adjustments and their uncertainties are for the most part similar for the WLSQ and WDLSQ models (Fig. 4). As noted earlier, these values should multiply (or be added to for salinity) the original water properties for each cruise leg to obtain corrected water properties. As expected, the WDLSQ cruise adjustments were slightly smaller. This effect was largest for phosphate. Relative to the WLSQ uncertainties for the cruise adjustments the WDLSQ uncertainties were generally decreased by the damping, but were sometimes increased when very small. The large adjustments and uncertainties from the WLSQ model tended to be greatly reduced in the WDLSQ model.

While the WDLSQ model incorporates the most information, the a priori estimates of cruise accuracies used for the damping may not be accurate. There appear to be a few cruises that were well outside the WHP target accuracies where a large adjustment is warranted. The damping incorporates the information that the general magnitude of the adjustments should be near the size of the WHP target accuracies and thus tends to reduce large adjustments. Hence the WLSQ adjustments (Table 2) are recommended.

These WLSQ adjustments were small, but generally distinguishable from zero if they exceeded 1% or 1 ppm for salinity. Adjustments were generally within 3% for the nutrients and oxygen, although a few cruise legs exceed 5% adjustments for one or another of the properties (Fig. 4). The adjustments for salinity were generally limited to 3 ppm, although again there were a few that exceed 5 ppm. The median uncertainties for the nutrient and oxygen adjustments were around 0.7%. The median uncertainty for the salinity adjustments was 0.7 ppm. The percentages of cruise leg adjustments greater than their uncertainties for WLSQ was 49%, 75%, 53%, 43%, and 66% for nitrate, phosphate, silicic acid, oxygen, and salinity, respectively.

5. Conclusion

We have presented several crossover-based least-squares models for objective determinations of nutrient, oxygen, and salinity adjustments. We used information throughout the water column to estimate crossover differences (favoring those portions where signal-to-noise is highest through weighting). We minimized these crossover differences with adjustments from these models, starting with the SLSQ model. The WLSQ model incorporated uncertainties of differences at crossovers. The WDLSQ model added a priori expectations of measurement accuracy as a damping. They all provided property adjustments and uncertainties for each cruise leg.

This system was successfully applied to the WOCE Pacific data set. For all of the models the adjustments greatly reduced crossover differences and generally brought cruises into agreement within WHP target accuracies. The WLSQ model adjustments were

recommended as the most appropriate. A majority of these adjustments were distinguishable from zero within their uncertainties. This system is applicable to other water properties such as the carbon system (Lamb et al. 2000).

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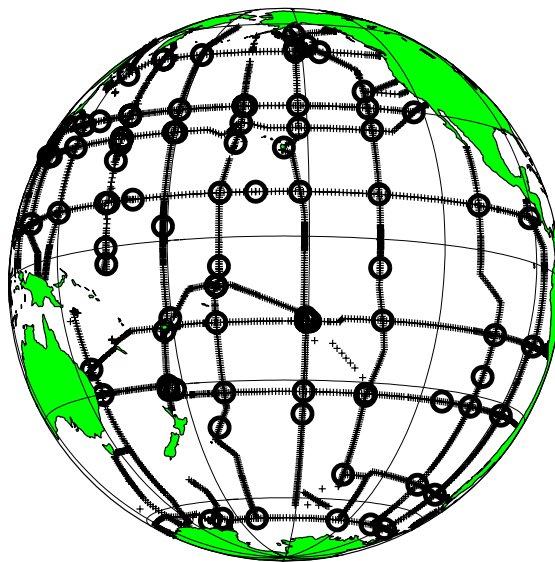


FIG. 1. Pacific WOCE Hydrographic Programme one-time survey station locations (+'s) with crossover locations (thick o's).

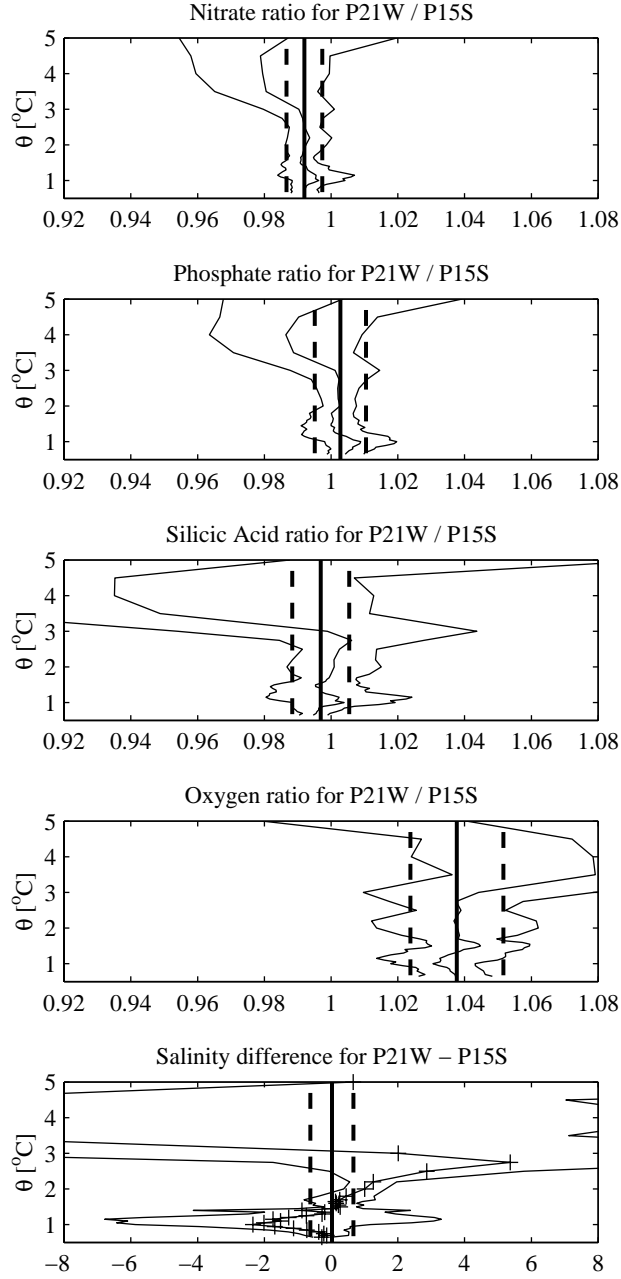


FIG. 2. Property ratios and salinity differences (thin solid line with +’s) for the crossover of P15S and P21W (located at 17.5°S, 170°W) plotted with uncertainties (thin solid lines) as a function of potential temperature below 5°C. Mean uncertainty-weighted ratios or differences (thick solid vertical lines) and their associated uncertainties (thick dashed vertical lines) mostly reflect the deeper values with smaller uncertainties.

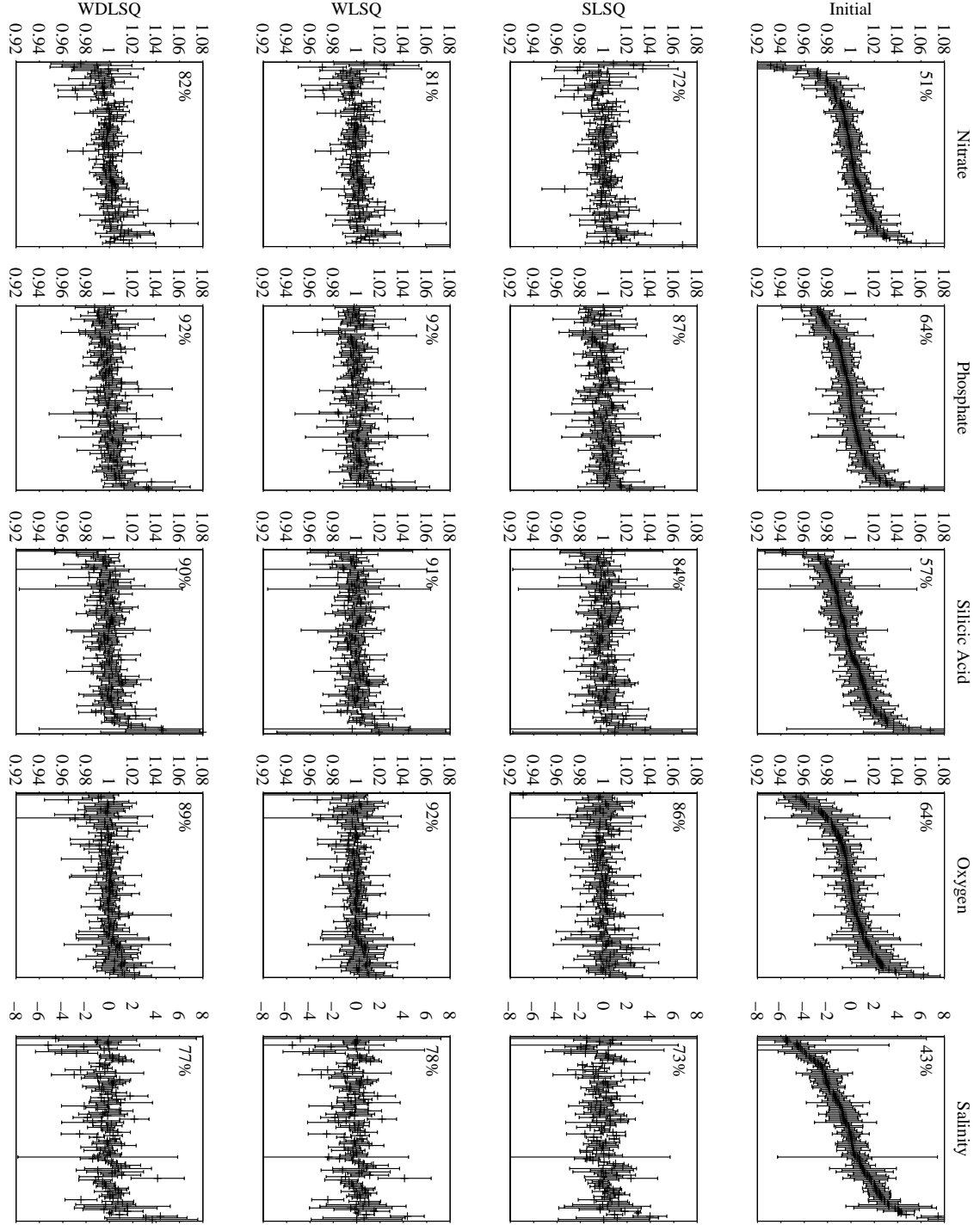


Fig. 3. Crossover residuals and their uncertainties. Columns correspond to properties and rows to models. The percentages in the upper left corner of each panel are the numbers of crossovers indistinguishable from zero within their uncertainties. The crossovers for each property are sorted by their initial residual (top row). These sortings are retained for the various least squares models (all other rows).

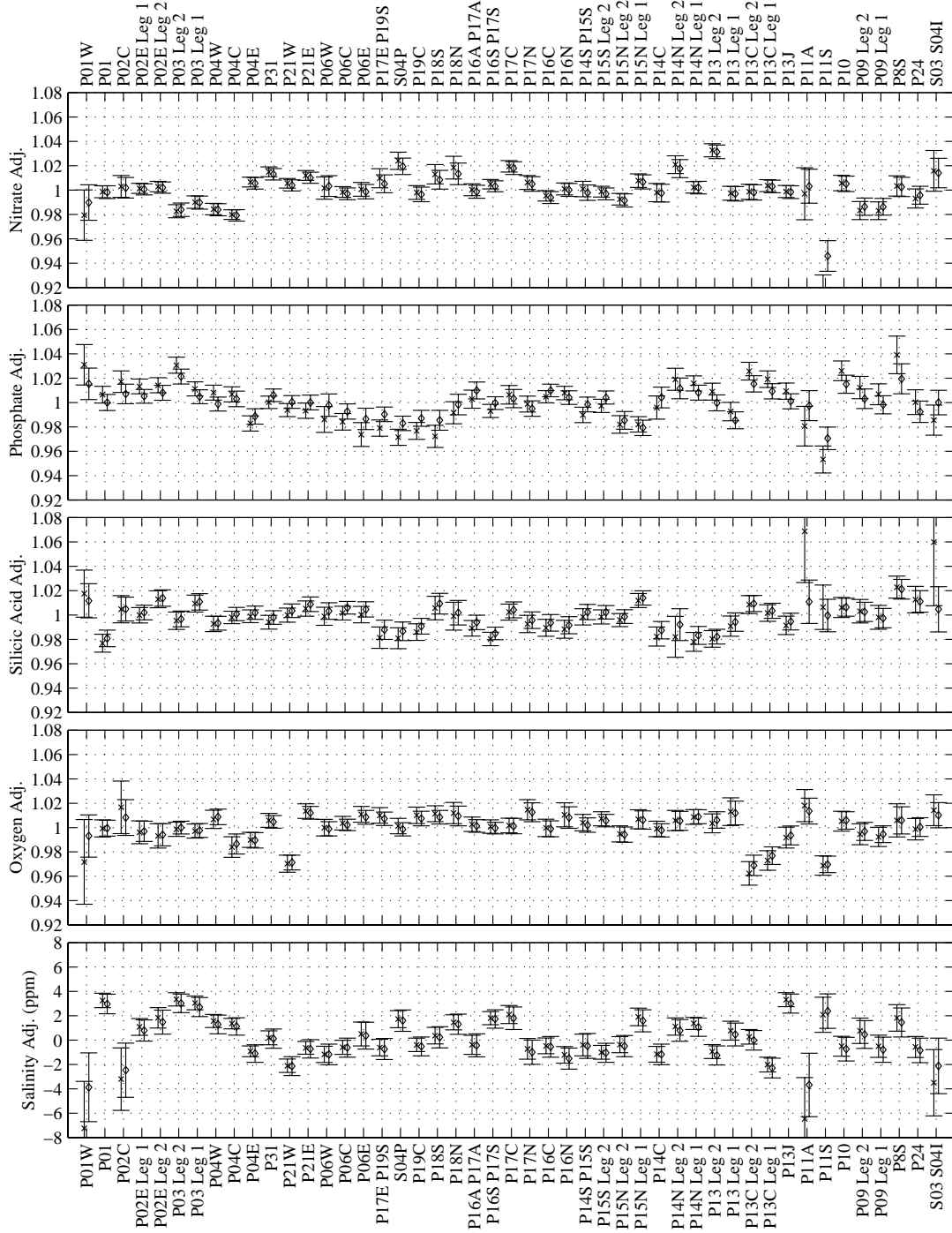


FIG. 4. Cruise adjustments and their uncertainties. From top to bottom the panels show multiplicative adjustments with uncertainties for nitrate, phosphate, silicic acid, oxygen, and additive adjustments for salinity. These values should multiply (or be added to for salinity) the original water properties for each cruise leg to obtain corrected water properties. Each property and each cruise leg has two adjustments, the WLSQ (crosses displaced left), and the WDLSQ (diamonds displaced right).

Table 1. Crossover standard deviations reported in parts per million for salinity and percentages for the other properties. The values in parentheses were normalized by their uncertainties.

	Crossover Standard Deviations (Normalized)			
Model	Initial	SLSQ	WLSQ	WDLSQ
Nitrate	2.80 (2.25)	1.29 (1.04)	1.41 (0.85)	1.64 (0.88)
Phosphate	1.56 (1.37)	0.78 (0.77)	0.96 (0.58)	0.97 (0.63)
Oxygen	2.08 (1.48)	1.04 (0.65)	1.17 (0.49)	1.21 (0.51)
Silicic Acid	2.12 (1.50)	0.90 (0.68)	0.96 (0.60)	1.37 (0.63)
Salinity	2.77 (4.96)	1.06 (3.16)	1.37 (0.84)	1.42 (0.85)

Table 2. Property adjustments for cruise legs estimated from the WLSQ model. The first column contains the WOCE Hydrographic Program one-time survey cruise designation followed by the expocode. The other columns contain multiplicative adjustments and uncertainties for all properties but salinity (which is additive in ppm). These values should multiply (or be added to for salinity) the original water properties for each cruise leg to obtain corrected water properties.

WHP Cruise Leg Expocode	Nitrate	Phosphate	Silicic Acid	Oxygen	Salinity
P01W RUBM9316/1	0.9795 ± 0.0207	1.0310 ± 0.0166	1.0175 ± 0.0193	0.9718 ± 0.0348	-7.24 ± 3.85
P01 31TTTPS47	0.9986 ± 0.0049	1.0065 ± 0.0069	0.9769 ± 0.0073	0.9993 ± 0.0070	3.26 ± 0.59
P02C 49EWBO9401/1	1.0029 ± 0.0090	1.0171 ± 0.0088	1.0048 ± 0.0112	1.0166 ± 0.0216	-3.20 ± 2.56
P02E Leg 1 492SSY9310/1	1.0014 ± 0.0042	1.0132 ± 0.0060	0.9998 ± 0.0063	0.9961 ± 0.0094	1.09 ± 0.69
P02E Leg 2 492SSY9310/2	1.0029 ± 0.0042	1.0142 ± 0.0062	1.0129 ± 0.0070	0.9932 ± 0.0100	1.83 ± 0.84
P03 Leg 2 31TTTPS24/2	0.9826 ± 0.0054	1.0306 ± 0.0066	0.9953 ± 0.0071	0.9985 ± 0.0058	3.34 ± 0.54
P03 Leg 1 31TTTPS24/1	0.9901 ± 0.0051	1.0112 ± 0.0058	1.0094 ± 0.0070	0.9971 ± 0.0058	3.05 ± 0.56
P04W 32MW893/1	0.9844 ± 0.0047	1.0081 ± 0.0061	0.9927 ± 0.0064	1.0067 ± 0.0075	1.57 ± 0.54

P04C	0.9799	1.0068	0.9980	0.9840	1.35
32MW893/2	± 0.0039	± 0.0062	± 0.0052	± 0.0085	± 0.43
P04E	1.0066	0.9829	0.9989	0.9899	-0.92
32MW893/3	± 0.0040	± 0.0063	± 0.0052	± 0.0063	± 0.44
P31	1.0150	1.0003	0.9941	1.0059	0.19
3250031/1	± 0.0040	± 0.0051	± 0.0057	± 0.0058	± 0.57
P21W	1.0055	0.9938	0.9999	0.9703	-2.10
318MWESTW/5	± 0.0039	± 0.0054	± 0.0058	± 0.0070	± 0.55
P21E	1.0120	0.9934	1.0053	1.0136	-0.63
318MWESTW/4	± 0.0040	± 0.0062	± 0.0062	± 0.0059	± 0.53
P06W	1.0017	0.9861	0.9990	0.9999	-1.17
316N138/5	± 0.0091	± 0.0106	± 0.0074	± 0.0068	± 0.67
P06C	0.9984	0.9842	1.0016	1.0036	-0.59
316N138/4	± 0.0044	± 0.0068	± 0.0056	± 0.0056	± 0.57
P06E	1.0006	0.9737	1.0003	1.0109	0.50
316N138/3	± 0.0057	± 0.0098	± 0.0067	± 0.0064	± 0.98
P17E P19S	1.0097	0.9790	0.9814	1.0100	-0.61
316N138/10	± 0.0078	± 0.0067	± 0.0088	± 0.0064	± 0.68
S04P	1.0241	0.9715	0.9810	1.0013	1.72
90KDIOFFE6/1	± 0.0071	± 0.0066	± 0.0086	± 0.0064	± 0.70
P19C	0.9980	0.9767	0.9860	1.0101	-0.39
316N138/12	± 0.0056	± 0.0069	± 0.0068	± 0.0067	± 0.55
P18S	1.0130	0.9722	1.0057	1.0114	0.37
31DSCG94/2	± 0.0080	± 0.0091	± 0.0097	± 0.0065	± 0.68

P18N 31DSCG94/3	1.0185 ± 0.0093	0.9916 ± 0.0090	0.9990 ± 0.0114	1.0119 ± 0.0087	1.46 ± 0.62
P16A P17A 316N138/9	1.0003 ± 0.0049	1.0028 ± 0.0074	0.9891 ± 0.0064	1.0027 ± 0.0059	-0.39 ± 0.79
P16S P17S 31WTTUNES/2	1.0049 ± 0.0039	0.9931 ± 0.0054	0.9803 ± 0.0055	1.0008 ± 0.0055	1.80 ± 0.53
P17C 31WTTUNES/1	1.0195 ± 0.0047	1.0064 ± 0.0077	1.0024 ± 0.0066	1.0017 ± 0.0060	2.10 ± 0.74
P17N 325021/1	1.0063 ± 0.0057	0.9988 ± 0.0065	0.9927 ± 0.0071	1.0147 ± 0.0083	-0.72 ± 0.85
P16C 31WTTUNES/3	0.9953 ± 0.0043	1.0047 ± 0.0051	0.9895 ± 0.0069	0.9998 ± 0.0071	-0.47 ± 0.65
P16N 31DSCGC91/2	1.0010 ± 0.0049	1.0078 ± 0.0055	0.9883 ± 0.0073	1.0105 ± 0.0098	-1.21 ± 0.68
P14S P15S 31DICG96/1	1.0009 ± 0.0063	0.9899 ± 0.0064	0.9985 ± 0.0066	1.0041 ± 0.0067	-0.40 ± 0.89
P15S Leg 2 31DICG96/2	0.9987 ± 0.0044	0.9973 ± 0.0054	0.9984 ± 0.0058	1.0072 ± 0.0058	-1.00 ± 0.56
P15N Leg 2 18DD9403/2	0.9925 ± 0.0048	0.9821 ± 0.0072	0.9959 ± 0.0054	0.9948 ± 0.0066	-0.37 ± 0.66
P15N Leg 1 18DD9403/1	1.0078 ± 0.0056	0.9821 ± 0.0064	1.0119 ± 0.0057	1.0068 ± 0.0079	1.91 ± 0.72
P14C 316N138/7	0.9980 ± 0.0074	0.9959 ± 0.0095	0.9823 ± 0.0078	0.9989 ± 0.0063	-1.16 ± 0.65

P14N Leg 2 325024/1	1.0209 ± 0.0073	1.0191 ± 0.0091	0.9821 ± 0.0168	1.0058 ± 0.0083	1.12 ± 0.70
P14N Leg 1 325023/1	1.0022 ± 0.0047	1.0157 ± 0.0062	0.9779 ± 0.0077	1.0087 ± 0.0061	1.37 ± 0.50
P13 Leg 2 3220CGC92/2	1.0327 ± 0.0054	1.0090 ± 0.0070	0.9804 ± 0.0068	1.0035 ± 0.0078	-0.94 ± 0.57
P13 Leg 1 3220CGC92/1	0.9974 ± 0.0058	0.9926 ± 0.0075	0.9909 ± 0.0083	1.0131 ± 0.0114	0.77 ± 0.77
P13C Leg 2 49HH915/2	0.9986 ± 0.0062	1.0258 ± 0.0072	1.0086 ± 0.0073	0.9624 ± 0.0097	0.27 ± 0.60
P13C Leg 1 49HH915/1	1.0037 ± 0.0049	1.0192 ± 0.0068	1.0017 ± 0.0068	0.9730 ± 0.0081	-2.01 ± 0.60
P13J 49HH932/1	0.9988 ± 0.0050	1.0094 ± 0.0067	0.9915 ± 0.0075	0.9918 ± 0.0086	3.32 ± 0.57
P11A 09AR9391/2	0.9970 ± 0.0214	0.9806 ± 0.0163	1.0687 ± 0.0421	1.0181 ± 0.0132	-6.46 ± 3.38
P11S 09FA693	0.9135 ± 0.0168	0.9533 ± 0.0111	1.0064 ± 0.0182	0.9688 ± 0.0080	2.08 ± 1.44
P10 3250TN026/1	1.0058 ± 0.0063	1.0260 ± 0.0081	1.0062 ± 0.0082	1.0052 ± 0.0081	-0.50 ± 0.82
P09 Leg 2 49RY9407/2	0.9832 ± 0.0074	1.0123 ± 0.0092	1.0032 ± 0.0097	0.9945 ± 0.0086	0.77 ± 1.04
P09 Leg 1 49RY9407/1	0.9830 ± 0.0073	1.0068 ± 0.0086	0.9981 ± 0.0099	0.9923 ± 0.0080	-0.50 ± 0.91

P8S	1.0034	1.0391	1.0229	1.0059	1.82
49XK9605	± 0.0083	± 0.0155	± 0.0090	± 0.0136	± 1.09
P24	0.9931	1.0003	1.0126	0.9986	-0.56
49RY9511/2	± 0.0078	± 0.0101	± 0.0108	± 0.0087	± 0.87
S03 S04I	1.0158	0.9856	1.0598	1.0143	-3.50
09AR9404/1	± 0.0167	± 0.0124	± 0.0522	± 0.0127	± 2.72